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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 13, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 -
ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES,
TO REDEFINE WHAT CONSTITUTES A QUORUM AND
THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS FOR
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to amend Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.64, which provides for the creation of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. This amendment redefines what constitutes a quorum and the number of votes required to take certain actions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Introduce, waive reading, and place on the agenda for adoption an ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to Chapter 3.64 - Los Angeles County Commission for Women to redefine what constitutes a quorum and the number of votes required to take certain actions.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This ordinance would amend Section 3.64.080 Self-Government – Quorum, which would allow a quorum to prepare, adopt and amend their rules and regulations for the internal government of its business; and clarifies that a majority of the currently filled member seats shall constitute a quorum. Adoption of the ordinance will allow the Commission to successfully achieve a quorum to approve

items requiring action at their monthly meetings, which are held at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

The Commission has 15 members, three appointed by each Supervisorial District; currently there are 3 vacant seats. From January 2011 to December 2011, the Commission met on 9 occasions. The proposed ordinance will allow for the Commissioners to meet with a greater opportunity to establish a quorum and have the number of votes required to conduct their business.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommendation to adopt the ordinance will have no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Los Angeles County Commission for Women represents the special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances and sexual preferences. The Commission's duties include:

- Study or investigate through meetings, conferences, public hearings or forums, the conditions which allegedly demonstrate discrimination or prejudice because of gender, marital status or sexual preference.
- Investigate complaints, practices of discrimination or instances of prejudice against any person because of gender, marital status or sexual preference.
- Report on Commission's activities to the Board at least once a year.
- Research, prepare and disseminate information regarding sex discrimination and prejudice; and advises residents, the Board, departments, agencies and other organizations and institutions on the needs of women relating to discrimination and prejudice because of gender, marital status or sexual preferences.
- Develop and maintain a talent bank of women which can be used in recruiting and nominating qualified women to serve on various County Boards and commissions.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

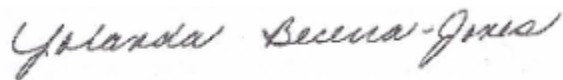
The proposed ordinance amendment will redefine what constitutes a quorum and the number of votes required to take certain action, allowing the Commission to conduct business at its monthly meetings and fulfill its duties as charged by your Board.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Yolanda Becerra-Jones".

YOLANDA BECERRA-JONES

President

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Chair, Los Angeles County Commission for
Women